



...IN SACRED PLACES...

CELEBRATING MINISTRY OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Message from Kent—Council

Greetings to all,

On behalf of our congregation and council, I would like to thank Sister Anne Hall for her service to Calvary this past year. It has been a difficult time for everyone to go through life with a sense of normality during the Covid pandemic. Sister Anne's leadership and message to our congregation during this time is greatly appreciated. We wish her and David a safe, healthy, and wonderful future.

Please welcome LeRoy Hoyer, PMA retired, from Gretna, NE. He will lead our worship service the month of November. We will not have communion with our worship service in November.

Congratulations to Kelby Neujahr, Ethan Fjell, and Kylee Krol on their confirmation. It is an honor to witness this huge step in their faith journey.

Our congregation will be voting on November 1st to accept a shared ministry agreement with Faith English Lutheran of Rising City. Our proposed partnership with them will be like the one we shared with Zion. We welcome the opportunity to move forward in the call process with them.

It is important in a time of change to keep God first in our lives. Our faith will carry us through life's uncertainties. Please keep our congregation and council in your prayers as we continue in our faith journey.

Peace and Blessings,

Kent Adelson



Sunday, October 25, three confirmands affirmed their baptism. Blessings to Kelby Neujahr, Ethan Fjell and Kylee Krol, pictured with Sister Anne Hall.



November 11th is Veteran's Day. Watch the local paper for any services the local schools may be hosting. Please thank a Veteran for their service.



Election Day—November 3, 2020



Announcements

The Evangelism and Outreach Team oversees a nonperishable food and personal care item collection.



Please place items you wish to donate in the basket located in the front entry of the church. November items go to

Genesis House—David City

Please see the article on page 4 regarding the Genesis House Needs for fall/winter items, and Christmas wish list



As part of Swede Home’s “God’s Work, Our Hands” project, Swede Home applied for a permit from the state to do highway roadside pickup on the 2 miles

north of the Highway 92-39 Junction. We do this both in the spring and fall, and have always enjoyed the fellowship and good food as we gave back to our community.

With all the goings on in 2020, we were unable to schedule a time for members to join in on this project. We want to extend our thanks to Monty and Cheryl Jones for taking this project on this fall and walking the roadside picking up the trash.

We look forward to 2021 and again doing this project as a congregation . THANK YOU Monty and Cheryl

W.E.L.C.A. NEWS

Thank you for all you do for not only your own families, but our Church Family and God’s Children at Large! Tis the month we focus on Thanksgiving, so I challenge you to think of something every day this month you are thankful for. Even when we have a “bad day”, there’s always something to thank God for. J

*Service for month of November is ESU 7 Giving Tree. Please take an ornament off the giving tree in the church entry and give your money to your Circle Leader, Bonnie Carlson or Cheryl Jones by December 6. This is for the whole congregation, not just WELCA.

*Altar care for November will be Miriam Circle. December will be Cheryl & Kay Jones.

*Flowers in November & December will be by Miriam circle. Thank you for watering any plants also.

*November Circle Meetings: Please sign up for 2020 lessons, hosts, altar care & committees and report to Kay Jones no later than November 15. Thank you!

*No more quilt days this year. Looking forward to meeting together safely in 2021.

NOVEMBER

Hostess/Dessert Bible Study

Ruth – 11/11	Cheryl Jones	Cheryl
Mary Anna – 11/12	Alice Jane	Alice Jane
Miriam - 11/13	Jean Waller	Jean

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.”
Psalm 100: 4 -5

Cheryl

We will be taking 10 quilts and 60 personal care kits to St. John’s Lutheran in Norfolk NE. They have college help available to load a semi truck and the donations will then be taken to Lutheran World Relief in Minneapolis, MN to be distributed where needed.

THANK YOU



Dear Friends,
Thank you for the recent donation of food, groceries and several nice gift

items. Thank you, Sandra for this “special delivery.” We especially appreciate the food for children and I’ve given out more of this in the past 8 months with children at home more hours of each day. Our Moms are struggling hard to make ends meet and to care for their children. As we approach the holidays and winter, we will need to be very careful to protect from exposure to COVID but we plan to be very creative in find ways to safely provide support and services to our clients.

Cheryl – our big plant of marigolds from your seed was a bright spot by our back deck where I met with clients.

Our garden produced a bounty of health fresh veggies, which we shared with clients and deliveries to the rural food program at the UMC, and the 2 nursing homes. We used that nice big silver pot from you, Sandra, to make some tasty salsa, pasta sauce and pickles – the jars are so pretty!

THANK YOU

Pat and Nicole

Thank you for the addition of pumpkins and gourds to the front planters at the church. It makes the planters look complete for the fall season



RECIPES

This month’s recipe is from Elaine Westing. Back when we had soup suppers for Lenten services or noon lunches – one of the many soups was Elaine’s split pea soup. All soups served were always delicious, and this one would often be one of the first gone! Elaine looks forward to the day when we can get together and share a good bowl of soup and the fellowship we always have around the table.

Elaine’s Split Pea Soup

2 Ham Hocks; 3-4 cups chicken broth;
1 lb. ham cut into small chunks; 3 cups dry split peas
2 T. bacon grease or vegetable oil;
1 chopped onion; ½ tsp dried thyme; 1 bay leaf
1 clove garlic, minced; ½ tsp black pepper
Whipping cream

Cover dried peas with water and soak overnight.

Begin soup by adding onion and garlic to oil in frying pan and gently heat for several minutes. Do NOT brown.

Measure broth and pour into large kettle. Add onion, garlic and bay leaf. Bring to boil and simmer till all peas are soft (at least an hour)

While peas are simmering, cook ham hocks in chicken broth. Add a bit of salt (about ½ tsp) I would suggests cooking hocks the day before you make soup. Chop meat from hocks into small pieces. (Sure, I chop the skin too!)

Put everything together (don’t forget the pound of ham pieces) and gently stir. You may want to add more broth.

Make your soup as thick or thin as you want. Adjust seasoning to make your soup. Heat just to boiling point and add cream. I add as much as ¼ cup of cream to a bowl of soup.

Best served with fresh bread, firm cheese and good friends.





We extend our sympathy to the family of Linda Johnson who passed away on October 13, 2020. Graveside services were held on Monday, October 19 at Swede Home Cemetery,

Our thoughts and prayers are with Cheryl and Monty Jones in the passing of Cheryl's mother, Shirley Hinze. She passed away on October 21, 2020. A private family graveside service was held on October 24, 2020 at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery near Rising City.

GIVING TREE



Last year, many of you donated to help needy families served by ESU 7. Thank you! They were very thankful and moved by your generosity.

We are again taking up an offering for these families, and they have about 60-70 kids to buy for. We are the main givers for their Christmas. So please open our hearts and help as you are able. Donations should be given to Bonnie Carlson or Cheryl Jones by Dec. 6. (Checks payable to Calvary WELCA)

There are ornaments on a giving tree at church with dollar amounts on them for the ESU 7, as well as items for children served by ESU 7, that they can Please bring any donations to church and place in the specified box by December 6. (Cash donations are welcome for Genesis House, too)



We received a request from Tina Kilgore and the ESU 7 which services students in the area, including Polk County.

We are seeking donation items again this year for our students at Learning Academy and Center to have a holiday store.

The students really loved being able to pick out items for their families to give as gifts. Do not wrap any items. With our holiday store, we focus on the joy of giving to others.

As you are decorating and sorting at home, please keep our holiday store in mind for donations.

Example of items we need:

holiday decorations, jewelry, perfume/cologne, Lotion, Hats, Gloves, gently used clothes and shoes, home décor.

Items that dads and brothers would like: Example: tools, flashlights, hats, Husker/Sports items, etc.

Anything you feel would make a nice gift for a family member

Also, If you have a connection with a local business that could donate items or gift cards as well, that would be great. Please let us know and we will contact them.

Please leave your donations in the front entry of the church. We will have a designated box set up. Donations may be left until Sunday, December 13.

THANK YOU so much for helping us make this special for our students.



Genesis House: Fall and Winter Wish List

GENESIS HOUSE FALL AND WINTER WISH LIST

Household items:

dish soap, laundry soap, toilet paper, Kleenex
 Clorox, dryer sheets, plastic wrap, tall kitchen garbage bags, gallon sized zip lock bags
 Light bulbs, paper towels, AA batteries, cleaning products, Comet or Ajax, Windex

Personal Care:

Body wash, shampoo and conditioner, ibuprofen, Tylenol (right now have plenty tooth paste and brushes)
 Baby wash, diaper rash medications (currently have plenty of diapers and wipes)

Food:

- All kinds of food, but please nothing expired, Coffee – No decaf, tea bags, hot chocolate, canned meat i.e. tuna, chicken; cream soups, small boxes of cheese (like Velveeta); Chunky type soups, dry soup mixes, cans of chili, boxed foods like Hamburger or Tuna Helper, potatoes, stuffing, rice-a-roni and sides with noodles or rice; small boxes of bisquick, baking mixes or pancake mix and syrup, chicken and beef broth as we make lots of soup in the winter.
- At this time, we have plenty of canned peas, corn and green beans but we could use other vegetables like carrots, beets, mixed veggies, baked beans, tomato sauce. Flour, sugar, cake and brownie mixes, frostings, baking spices and supplies. Mayonnaise, ketchup, dry or canned milk, bottled salad dressings, cooking oil, dry sauce and gravy mixes. Spaghetti sauce (we have quite a lot of dry pasta and spaghetti and macaroni at this time)
- Especially for children: Taco shells, seasonings and sauces (kids like this) Pudding and fruit snack cups, cereal bars, granola type bars, sugar free drinks (like Crystal Light), fruit juices, cheese and cracker snacks, chips and any microwave entrees children could easily prepare.

Genesis House: Christmas Wish List

Our Christmas this year will be different due to the impact of COVID, and the safety procedures we are following. We have modified our operations to allow us to continue to serve our clients, giving out food and supplies from our front door, conduction mentoring sessions on the phone, and having outside meetings as weather permits.

Our Circle of Giving shop will re-locate to our front door this year, and also become “mobile” with Santa and the helper elves delivering gifts to our family.

We have many wonderful gifts available to our clients, including toys, winter wear and boots, new clothing for children and adults, warm homemade quilts, and lots of household supplies. The generosity last year was amazing, and we received an abundance of items that have been stored since last year. Due to a “slow down” of activity within our home in the past 8 months, and our modified work schedules, we have not had time to deal with donations, other than the regular groceries and food you have so faithfully brought to us, and we deeply appreciate the generosity you have shown. We ask that you put other donated items “on hold”, or call me to ask if we need something. What did not slow down, and actually increased was the need for emergency help and more food. Many of our clients experienced job losses, illnesses and “setbacks” which caused the inability to pay rent, utilities, and other “normal life” expenses, as well as having children home more of the time, with more food needed to prepare daily meals.

So, we are asking that all who want to give this year, to keep the donation of “things” at a minimum, and consider a gift or money or gift cards instead. We know if there is a specific item needed, you will respond as you always have.

We have wonderful plans for 2021, and the time beyond COVID when we can expand our Open Arms programs to provide prevention, education and outreach in Polk and Butler Counties. We will launch a fund-raising campaign in November, and you will be hearing about that soon, we ask you to “stick with us” as we go through this difficult time, but share with us also, the vision we have for the future of Genesis House. Funds raised now will help us to build and strengthen our services and operations in the coming year. We want to give Comfort and Joy to our families this year who are struggling even harder since the pandemic hit. Your support has enabled us to “keep Christmas all year long” to ease the struggles and hardships for our clients. And, along with the gift items, food, etc. our clients will receive a “big helping of HOPE” – perhaps the most valuable and meaningful gift of all!! Thank you for helping the miracles continue to happen at Genesis House.

Meet a Member

Penny L Udey was born to her parents, Russell and Patricia Patience in Shenandoah, Iowa, a small town 30 miles east of Nebraska City. She went to school there until 9th grade.

Her family moved to Omaha and she graduated from Benson High School in 1969.

One of Penny's best friends, a high school classmate, had relatives in Silver Creek. Penny often went with her friend to visit the family. That's when she met her friend's cousin, Mark Udey. Those trips connected Mark and Penny to a future together. Mark and Penny married May, 1973. They moved to Swede Home in 1974. Their neighbors, Harold and Margret Johnson encouraged Penny to come to church, eventually the girls attended Sunday school and became church members.

Penny and Mark have two daughters. Clerissa lives in Seattle, Washington. Christina is married to Paul Krivolavek and lives in Lincoln. They have a 14-year-old son, Ezven.

Of all the jobs that Penny has held, the two she loved the most was the 18 years she worked with the children and adults as secretary at the Stromsburg Elementary School and the two years as a paraprofessional at the Osceola Elementary School. Now retired Penny has time to enjoy friends over a cup of coffee.

Penny is an active WELCA member and has enjoyed the many projects of the church ladies but mostly the women to women friendships. Penny is currently co-chair of the Calvary Quilt group.

"Swede Home has been my life enjoyment. The many friends of the past and present are precious. May we continue to serve our area with love."

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Council Members:

Todd Hanquist, Lynn Hofmann, Dan Oquist,
Kent Adelson,
Sandra Johnston, Dan Ienn, Fran Lott
All Calvary members, Ministers

We will have LeRoy Hoyer as our pulpit supply minister. This is his contact information:

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Pastor Brenda Pfiefly is on emergency call for Calvary, her contact number is 402-416-5434

Please contact Linda Fuhr, Church Secretary at calvaryswedehomechurch@gmail.com or her cell-phone 402-366-2091, text is preferred or leave a voice message

We Reach to all our faith family in prayer and celebration

**REMEMBER IN
YOUR PRAYERS**



Melissa Forsberg
Janice Forsberg
Denny Johnson
June Larson
Elaine Toline

Jan Wells-Bachman
All who are shut in and
need prayers and support

- Genesis House and Living Waters Rescue Mission, Blue Valley Action, & Denver Metro Ministries
- Houses for Health recipients.
- Bishop Brian Maas and the Nebraska Synod staff
- Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and all ELCA congregations and members
- Confirmands, Kelby Neujahr, Ethan Fjell, Kylee Kohl on their Confirmation OCTOBER 25
- Brody Ienn in service to our country
- Council as they continue the process of church profile and calling a minister
- Our leaders as they face COVID19 decisions
- Our companion synods in Tanzania and Argentina
- Students and educators as they continue classes

To request prayers call
Calvary: Jan Ernst 402-747-8041

Thank you so much for letting us get married in the church. We couldn't have asked for a better day.

Cory and Colton Cooper

*Two Hearts, One Love
Two Promises, One Covenant
Two Lives, made One in Christ*



ANNIVERSARIES

CALVARY:

Nov

- 02 Monty & Cheryl Jones
- 07 Kerri & Jesse Klein
- 07 Greg & Tracy Dittmer
- 10 Bryce & Janet Nielsen
- 15 Mark & Tammy Jones
- 19 Kent & Gia Adelson
- 23 Tom & Mary Stevens
- 25 Dave & Janelle Udey



BIRTHDAYS

CALVARY:

- 02 Jill Bush
- 02 Kathi Jones
- 08 Erica Twarling
- 09 Kristen Bush
- 14 Amanda Kobus
- 14 Doug Jones
- 16 Dustin Noble
- 21 Todd Hanquist
- 21 Deb Seymour
- 22 Andie Oquist
- 22 Nathan Peterson
- 25 Wayne Johnson
- 29 Katleigh Spale



THANK YOU!!



Remember Your Offerings

Thank you to all the members who continue with their financial support for Swede Home Church. In these trying times, we realize even more the words "to give as you are able" God's blessings

NOVEMBER

- Assistant Minister – Cheryl Jones
- Scripture Reader – Monty Jones
- Ushers – TBA
- Altar/Communion – Diana Johnson
- Acolyte – Rylee Hofmann
- Bell Ringer – TBA

We thank all those who agree to help with the worship service each month.
REMINDER: Set clocks back 1 hour Saturday Night, Daylight savings time ends November 1

November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9:15 am Youth and Adult Forum</p> <p>10:30 am Worship service</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> 	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:15 am Youth and Adult Forum</p> <p>10:30 am Worship service</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>Ruth Circle</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Mary Anna Circle</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Miriam Circle</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:15 am Youth and Adult Forum</p> <p>10:30 am Worship service</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
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<p>29</p> <p>9:15 am Youth and Adult Forum</p> <p>10:30 am Worship ser-</p>	<p>30</p>					

Know God, Love God, Share God's Love

COUNCIL NOTES

Council Notes, October 4, 2020

- Council met October 4. Present: Sandy, Dan O, Lynn, Fran, Kent, Sister Anne Hall; absent Todd
- There were no updates to report from the Property committee
- In youth Sunday school 3 youth attend.
- Second year confirmands are Eli Fjell, Peyton Hofmann, Rylee Hofmann, and Shyenne Krol. First year confirmands are Jarrett Althouse and Kolten Udey. Confirmation Sunday for Ethan Fjell, Kylee Krol, and Kelby Neujahr is Sunday, October 25, 2020.
- A meeting with the three confirmands and their parents is scheduled for October 18 following church service.
- Council discussed requirements for confirmands during the 2020-2021 confirmation year. Parents will be notified of these requirements after the November council meeting.
- Kylee and Shyenne Krol will be baptized following service October 11.
- Council approved the purchase of single carnation corsage for the three confirmands.
- A date for the highway pickup had not been established yet.
- Council discussed going forward with service. Communion will still be the first and third Sunday of the month. Beginning in October, parishioners may sing softly only if wearing a mask.
- Interim pastoral support was discussed. Council will contact a few options while working with Pastor Megan as Calvary and First English continue the call process.



Treasurer's Report

	September 2020
Beginning Balance	\$13,331.65
Offerings:	
General Offerings	6,100.00
Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services	5.00
Sunday School Offerings	122.15
ELCA Mission Share	250.00
First Lutheran R.C. August Share	1,014.20
	7,491.35
Expenses:	
Economy Polk Co RPPD Appreciation	
Coffee	8.35
Vanco eCheck Monthly Fee	10.14
Cody's Computer Maintenance Plan	34.99
Postage Expense	56.00
Sunday School Supplies	68.52
Christ In Our Home	77.20
Confirmation Books/Bible Bundle	206.79
Church Mutual Bi-Annual Premiums	3,120.50
NE Synod, ELCA Mission Share	1,540.00
First Lutheran R.C. September Share	1,153.17
Utilities:	
Church	312.95
Parsonage	147.01
Salaries:	
Pastor	1,388.78
Mileage	360.18
SECA	0.00
Portico Benefits	424.45
Theological Registration	78.00
Professional Expense	94.87
Diana	448.54
LeeAnn	236.64
Linda	631.31
	10,398.39
Balance as of Sept 30, 2020:	\$10,424.61

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OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

**Mission Statement: Know God, Love God,
Share God's Love**



Guiding Principles:

1. **Jesus is Lord and Savior**
2. **All are welcome in this place.**
3. **Serving in love with generosity and hospitality**
4. **Provide an atmosphere for spiritual growth and reflection.**
5. **Teaching and sharing God's Word with joy**
6. **Mutual respect in relationships**

Return Service Requested

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**CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
NEBRASKA SYNOD, ELCA**

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